

Thesis „Federalization of Czechoslovakia in 1968 and its reflection in Czech and Slovak daily press“ deals with the way selected Czech and Slovak newspapers reflected preparations and enactment of “Czechoslovak federation Act”.

Thesis is composed of four parts. The first describes history and evolution of relations between Czechs and Slovaks: foundation of their common state, creation of separate Slovak state, reconstruction of the republic after Second World War and later events. It explains why federalization was so important topic for Slovaks in 1968.

The second part explores the situation of media in Czechoslovakia in 1968, when the censorship was banned during liberalization process of “Prague Spring”. However, this process was cut off by the invasion of members of Warsaw Pact to the country.

The third part is concerned with “Czechoslovak federation Act” itself, frames this important amendment of “Socialist” constitution from 1960 in Czech constitutional history.

The fourth part reviews the way how Czech (Rudé právo, Svobodné slovo, Lidová demokracie) and Slovak newspapers (Pravda, Hlas ľudu, Smer) reflected federalization in selected time periods of 1968 and 1969.